

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 7 with the following:

Amino acid analyzers can be broadly classified into those used to carry out a standard analyzing method of analyzing about 20 components of protein-hydrolyzed amino acids and also to carry out a body fluid analyzing method wherein about 40 components of amino acid analogue substances in the body fluid are analyzed. The body fluid analyzing method is described herein, ~~[[i.e.]]~~i.e., an analyzing method wherein a body fluid such as a serum, urine, a cerebrospinal fluid or the like is analyzed for clinical use in order to diagnose diseases and serve for medical treatment.

Page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 15 with the following:

As a conventional example of body fluid analysis, there are known Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. Sho 53-60291, Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. Sho 59-10849, Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. Hei 4-194570 and Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. Hei 9-80037. Publications, including, Journal of Chromatography, 224; 315-321 (1981), entitled, "Resolution of 52 ninhydrin-positive compounds with a High-speed amino acid analyzer" and Clinical Chemistry 43; 8, 1421 – 1428 (1997), entitled "Amino Acid determination ~~in biological~~in biological fluids by automated ion-exchange chromatography: performance of Hitachi L-8500A" are known.

Page 15, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 12 with the following:

The "temperature" indicates a temperature program of a separation column. The figure "38" means to constantly keep the temperature ~~[[ar]]~~at 38°C before a next designated time.

Page 16, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 9 with the following:

In Fig. 1(A), there is shown an analytical chromatogram obtained by use of the analysis program of Fig. 3. Fig. 1(B) shows a chromatogram obtained according to the

conventional analysis program of Fig. 4. Both chromatograms are those obtained by measurement of 53 components of the amino acid samples indicated in Table 1. It will be noted that abbreviations of the components are given at individual peaks in Fig. 1(A), and reference should be made to Table 1 wherein the abbreviations indicated in the chromatograms are set out. Fig. 1(C) indicates lines connecting peaks of corresponding components in the chromatograms of Figs. 1(A) and 1(B), respectively.

Page 24, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 17 with the following:

Fig. 7 is a graph showing the change of the Li ion concentration in the inventive and prior art analysis programs. Solid line (A) is for the analysis program of the invention shown in Fig. 3 and broken line (B) is for the prior art analysis program of Fig. 4. As will be seen from the graph, the inventive program shown as (A) is very slow in the rise of the Li ion concentration and gradually increases in comparison with the prior art program (B).